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Dear South Carolina Public Utility Commissioners,

My name is Courtney Ballard, and I am Legal Counsel at SERC Reliability Corporation (SERC). SERC is a regulatory non-profit entity that reports to North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to ensure the reliability of the bulk power grid. At SERC, in addition to performing compliance monitoring and enforcement activities for the NERC Reliability Standards, we conduct regular outreach on what we have learned (best practices, lessons learned) for the energy companies in our footprint, which includes the state of South Carolina. Attached is a brief background pamphlet for more information about who we are.

I'm reaching out because I am working on state outreach for SERC and establishing a continuing relationship for SERC to serve as a resource and partner with South Carolina's Public Utility Commission on reliability and security issues going forward. Given that we have common interests in ensuring reliability and security, for us at the federal level and for you at the state level, we believe this effort could be of great benefit.

More specifically, we would like to establish a relationship where we can provide key reliability and security reports, training and conference opportunities, and perhaps have periodic calls or meetings to see what is top of mind for you in these areas and see if there is information or coordination we can help with at the federal level. As an example of a recent report, attached is a summary of the NERC Long Term Reliability Assessment (LTRA) that identifies reliability trends, emerging issues, and potential risks to the bulk power system over a ten-year horizon. A full description of the LTRA can be found on NERC's website [here](#).

To begin a collaboration, I think a short call with yourselves, as Commissioners and key staff members from South Carolina's Public Utility Commission, and a few people from SERC would be useful to get your thoughts on topics and reliability/security related issues you would be interested in receiving information and collaborating with us on. Additionally, I would be happy to answer or set up a call to discuss any questions you may have on the attached LTRA summary.

Thank you, and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

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